Course: ART 180 A Painting I   Fall, 2005  
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- Coming to class without materials counts as an unexcused absence!

If you miss any class for any reason you must email or contact me within 24 hours. This is the email to use- jason.r.bell@verizon.net - no excuses! Or call the Art office – 610-861-1680 to leave a note in my mailbox. Just because you do this does not make the absence excused; you must have a valid reason for missing class.

1. The Basics  
Since for many of you this class will be the first time you’ve painted, we will be working in an abstract, experimental, mode- in which the process is the important part not the final product.  

For the first few weeks we will doing a number of projects about how one goes about making a painting, using freeform designs, still life and portraits.

2. Mid Term Crit- You will do a presentation with an accompanying one-page paper about an artist that I will assign for each of you.

3. The Synthetic System-

The goal of these projects is to gain an understanding of the synthetic system that all artist must develop in order to translate external information onto paper -- the main goal being to create powerful drawings and images that are autonomous of reality, not dependent upon it. This process will require each of you to experiment and open yourselves up to different ways of looking and creating. At the end of each class I expect each student to have completed at least one drawing based on that day’s project. These drawings can be worked on outside of class, and will be posted on the available wall space of the next class meeting. Each class will start with looking at the previous meeting’s work; we will all take place in a discussion of this work. This is not a “crit” but rather a discussion to better understand each project and how to use the lessons gained in it on the next.

4. Final Project- Large scale self portrait. Using the experiences gained from the earlier class projects you will create a new work that will be worked on in and outside of class, I expect your time in class to be maximized, I will be meeting with each of you about your progress.  
End of Class Review- We will spend the last week of class- with a group viewing of your projects, each of you will have to present your work and all of you are expected to take part in the discussion.
How to get an A or Fail the class-
Attendance is vital, if you cannot make a class you must email me, or leave a note with the office, before the meeting of the class. If you do not email me – the absence will not be excused! Lateness is forgivable, within reason. Seriousness and vigor are expected, at all times. Talking in class should be kept to a minimum. Being in class and effort are more important than doing the projects; this class is about process.
Students are expected to attend all classes, lectures and field trips. Absences must be accompanied by the appropriate Dean’s or doctor’s excuse to be validated. More than two unexcused absences will result in a lowering of the final grade. Each additional absence will lower the grade five-percentage points. Four latest to class will be equivalent to a missed class. Students will be responsible for all material covered in classes that they have missed. Project schedules will not be shifted and late penalties will be added to work submitted after the listed due date.

The final grade will be averaged from the following:
Projects - 60% - you must do every assignment.
Attitude, Effort, Behavior, Preparedness – 30% (not having supplies equals an Absence, also misbehavior and bad attitude will affect your grade!)
Critique Grade - 20% - you must take part in discussion.
Final Project - 10%

Students are reminded that their grade represents an evaluation of their submitted work only, and should not be misconstrued as a personal statement.

Projects: Projects will be introduced during class and may consist of various parts. Work is expected to be presented when it is due. Completion of in class projects will be factored into the cumulative project grade. A final project will represent the culmination of the lessons throughout the semester, brought together in a well-conceived, finished product. Project grades will be lowered five points per class for late completion. Students may request to resubmit projects for an improved grade. Resubmissions will be graded and averaged with the original grade for a final grade. You must keep all your work for the class until the end of the semester. You must have respect for your work- regardless of how you feel about it, being able to watch your own progress is essential to growth.

Critiques: Students will be required to participate in group critiques and topical discussions. These will promote dialogue as a learning tool, as students will be expected to utilize proper vocabulary in expressing their critical analysis. Avoid the use of the words “cool” and “like”. You cannot sit there silently. If you are unable to speak in public, you may write your thoughts on paper and had it to me at the end of class.